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Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Public Meeting on the Development of Colorectal Cancer Screening Clinical Practice Guideline

The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) announces that a public meeting will be held to receive comments and information pertaining to the development of the clinical practice guideline on Screening for Colorectal Cancer. The guideline will focus on tests used to screen for colorectal cancer and the evidence of their effectiveness. The guideline is being developed by a non-profit contractor of AHCPR with the assistance of a panel of health care experts and consumers. Collaborative support for this effort is being provided by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK).

A notice announcing that AHCPR was arranging for the development of this clinical practice guideline was published in the **Federal Register** on August 17, 1993 (Vol. 58, No. 157). That notice invited nominations for experts and consumers to serve on the panel that is developing the guideline.

A public meeting to provide an opportunity for interested parties to contribute relevant information and comments, including research in areas relevant to the guideline, will be held as follows:

Meeting: Colorectal Cancer Screening

Date: April 19, 1995

From: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Old Town Holiday Inn, 480 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Phone: (703) 549-6080

Fax: (703) 684-6508

Background

The AHCPR is charged, under Title IX of the Public Health Service Act, with enhancing the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of health care services, and access to such services. The AHCPR accomplishes its goals through the

establishment of a broad base of scientific research, and through the promotion of improvements in clinical practice and in the organization, financing, and delivery of health care services. (See 42 U.S.C. 299-299c-6 and 1320-12.)

In keeping with its legislative mandates, AHCPR arranges for the development, periodic review, and update of clinically relevant guidelines that may be used by physicians, nurses, other health care providers, educators, and consumers to assist in determining how diseases, disorders, and other health care conditions can most effectively and appropriately be prevented, diagnosed, treated, and clinically managed. Medical review criteria, standards of quality, and performance measures are then developed based on the guidelines produced.

Section 912 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 299b-1(b)), as amended, requires that the guidelines:

1. Be based on the best available research and professional judgment;
2. Be presented in formats appropriate for use by physicians, nurses, other health care providers, medical educators, medical review organizations, and consumers;
3. Be presented in treatment-specific or condition-specific forms appropriate for use in clinical practice, education programs, and reviewing quality and appropriateness of medical care;
4. Include information on the risks and benefits of alternative strategies for prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and management of the particular health condition(s); and
5. Include information on the costs of alternative strategies for prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and management of the particular health condition(s), where cost information is available and reliable.

Section 914 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 299b-3(a)), as amended, identifies factors to be considered in establishing priorities for guidelines, including the extent to which the guidelines would:

1. Improve methods for disease prevention;
2. Improve methods of diagnosis, treatment, and clinical management, and thereby benefit a significant number of individuals;
3. Reduce clinically significant variations among clinicians in the particular services and procedures utilized in making diagnoses and providing treatment; and
4. Reduce clinically significant variations in the outcomes of health care services and procedures.

Also, in accordance with Title IX of the PHS Act and section 1142 of the Social Security Act, the AHCPR Administrator is to assure that the needs and priorities of the Medicare program are reflected appropriately in the agenda and priorities for development of guidelines and guideline updates.

Arrangements for the April 19, 1995 Public Meeting on Colorectal Cancer Screening

Representatives of organizations and other individuals are invited to provide relevant written comments and information, and make a brief (5 minutes or less) oral statement to the panel. Individuals and representatives who would like to attend must register with Michael Stolar, Project Manager, American Gastroenterological Association (AGA), at the address set out below by April 5, 1995, and indicate whether they plan to make an oral statement. A written copy of the oral statement, comments, and information should be submitted to AGA by April 5, 1995. If more requests to make oral statements are received than can be accommodated between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on April 19, 1995, the chairperson will allocate speaking time in a manner which ensures, to the extent possible, that a range of views of health care professionals, consumers, product manufacturers, and pharmaceutical manufacturers are presented. Those who cannot be granted their requested speaking time because of time constraints are assured that their written comments will be considered when decisions regarding the guideline are made.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact AGA by April 5, 1995, at the address below.

Registration should be made with, and written materials submitted to: Michael Stolar, Ph.D., Project Manager, American Gastroenterological Association, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 914, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, Phone: (301) 654-2055, Fax: (301) 654-5920.

For Additional Information

Additional information on the guideline development process is contained in the AHCPR Program Note, "Clinical Practice Guideline Development," dated August 1993. This document describes AHCPR's activities with respect to clinical practice guidelines including the process and criteria for selecting panels. This document may be obtained from the AHCPR Publications Clearinghouse,

P.O. Box 8547, Silver Spring, MD 20907; or call Toll-Free: 1-800-358-9295.

Also, information can be obtained by contacting Douglas B. Kamerow, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Office of the Forum for Quality and Effectiveness in Health Care, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Willco Building, 6000 Executive Boulevard, Suite 310, Rockville, MD 20852, Phone 301-594-4015, Fax: 301-594-4027.

Dated: January 30, 1995.

Clifton R. Gaus,
Administrator.

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Public Meeting on a Model Survey for Monitoring Consumers' Access to Care, Use of Services, Health Outcomes, and Patient Satisfaction

AGENCY: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: A meeting is being held to discuss the results of AHCPR's project to design a survey to monitor consumers' access to care, use of services, health outcomes, and patient satisfaction.

DATES: The meeting, open to the public, will be on Friday, March 10, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be at the Four Seasons Hotel, Dumbarton Room, 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to present and discuss the results of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) project, "Design of a Survey to Monitor Consumers' Access to Care, Use of Services, Health Outcomes, and Patient Satisfaction". This project, carried out under contract with the Research Triangle Institute of Research Triangle Park, NC, developed information on consumers' perceptions and ratings of their health care plans for use in choosing health plans.

II. Agenda

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 10, 1995, and provide an overview of the purpose and scope of the project. A presentation of the model survey instrument that resulted from the project will follow; and a question and comment period will conclude the session with adjournment at 12 p.m.

III. Arrangements for the March 10, 1995 Meeting

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to attend the meeting must register by February 21 with Moshman Associates, Inc., the contractor providing administrative support to AHCPR for the meeting. Registration information and a draft agenda may be obtained by writing to Moshman Associates, Inc., Attention: Technical Conference Division, Suite 410, North Tower, 7315 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814. Requests for registration materials may also be submitted by facsimile transmission at 301-961-553, Attention: Technical Conference Division. Facsimile cover sheets should include a sender's name, organization, address, telephone and facsimile numbers.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Linda Reeves, the Assistant Administrator for Equal Opportunity, AHCPR, on (301) 594-6666, no later than February 21, 1995.

Additional information on the meeting can be obtained by contacting Sandra K. Robinson, Project Officer, Office of Program Development, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, at the following address: Sandra K. Robinson, Project Officer, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 603, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Phone: 301-594-1455, FAX: 301-594-2157.

Dated: January 30, 1995.

Clifton R. Gaus,
Administrator.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Cooperative Agreements for Preventive Health Services-Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)/Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Training Centers-Program Announcement 514; Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control.

SEP: Cooperative agreements for Preventive Health Services-STD/HIV Prevention Training Centers-Program Announcement 514.

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., March 7, 1995; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., March 8, 1995.

Place: Corporate Square, Building 11, Room 1413, Corporate Square Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Status: Closed.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to Program Announcement 514. The application being reviewed include information of a confidential nature, including personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c) (4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Acting Associate Director for Policy Coordination, CDC, pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463.

Contact Person for More Information: John R. Lehnher, Chief, Resource Analysis Office (E07), National Center for Prevention Services, CDC, Corporate Square, Corporate Square Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, telephone 404/639-8023.

Dated: January 31, 1995.

William H. Gimson,

Acting Associate Director for Policy Coordination, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 93S-0220]

Extension of Electronic Docket for Medical Device/Radiological Health Policy Statements and Operating Procedure Guides and Cessation of Public Docket

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has decided to extend an electronic docket that was established over 1 year ago to enhance public access to policy speeches and statements, standard operating procedure guides, and other types of documents related to product evaluation and regulatory enforcement for its medical device and radiological health programs. The agency has also decided to cease maintaining a public "hard copy" docket, which was established concurrently with and contains the same information as the electronic docket. Both dockets have been operating on a 1-year pilot basis.

DATES: Continuation of the electronic docket will extend for an indefinite